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For: MOORING OF A FLOATABLE	)	
UNIT TO A VESSEL SIDE	)	

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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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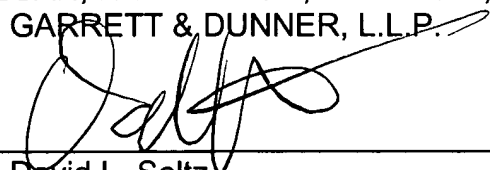
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